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GERMANS POUND RUSSIAN LINE

Von Hindenburg Still Is Trying to Reach Warsaw.

He Is Making Little Progress in That Direction.

FIGHTING GROWS IN INTENSITY

Both Sides Occupy Strongly Intrenched Positions.

Invaders Still Are 30 Miles From Their Goal.

London, Feb. 3.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg's new drive at Warsaw apparently has accomplished little more than the weakening of a comparatively few Russian advanced positions. Neither the Berlin nor the Petrograd official reports indicate that marked changes have resulted from the fighting which daily becomes more intense.

The German commander has chosen to make his final assault along the front between Sochaczew, 30 miles due west of Warsaw and Skierniewice, a few miles to the south, which is in the same section in which the Germans vainly attempted to break through on their previous attempt to reach Warsaw. Both sides occupy strongly entrenched positions in this region, where the warfare closely resembles that in France.

An official Russian report of today states that German attacks in this locality were repulsed in the course of violent battles during which the Russians recaptured trenches previously taken by the Germans. Russian successes are claimed also in the fighting in the Carpathians, which had developed into one of the most important phases of the campaign. In the east, Russian troops are said to have made marked progress in Dulka pass, advancing over the crest of the mountain and to have repulsed an Austrian assault south of Uzso pass.

Fighting continued between British and Turkish forces in Arabia, near the head of the Persian gulf, where small forces of Turks have taken the offensive. An attack on Kurna, near the junction of the Euphrates and Tigris rivers, was stopped by the fire from British gunboats.

PROBE PRISON GAG

Senate Investigation May Follow Milton Measure.

Straight-Jacket Will Be Placed on Exhibition on Floor.

A demand for an investigation of the history of the use of the gag and straight-jacket in the courts of the Kansas penitentiary will be embodied in a resolution which is expected to reach the senate today or tomorrow from the hands of Senator Milton who Tuesday afternoon introduced a bill to put the penalty of loss of office on any officer of the prison who employed those instruments of torture for the enforcement of discipline. Senator Milton will display on the floor of the senate a sample of the gags and straight-jackets that have been used in Lansing prison and his measures are up for consideration.

No member of the special committee which visited the penitentiary was ready to be quoted on the subject of the proposed legislation. Several of them admitted their desire to have the history of the whole business aired in open session and the resolution, when it comes, it is said, will call for a probing back through several administrations previous to the present one.

CAUSES MAN'S DEATH

Worry Over Foot and Mouth Disease Fatal to Kansan.

Mulvane, Kan., Feb. 3.—Lyman C. Shull, a farmer of this community, son of Alonzo "Bull" and one of the early settlers of this neighborhood, dropped dead of neuralgia of the heart while getting out of his buggy at his father's door. Mr. Shull, who had been not strong for some time, but was not thought to be in a serious condition.

It is thought that the worry and excitement attending the foot and mouth disease quarantine hastened his death. He leaves a wife, but no children.

Belgium Still Needs Help. Chicago, Feb. 3.—Chicago, which has given \$120,000 for relief of Belgian war sufferers, was asked today to contribute \$100,000 more by the Chicago Belgian food relief committee. America has sent to Belgians about \$20,000,000 in food and money. It was announced, yet the situation there is that "1,400,000 persons do not know where they are going to get their next meal," the committee's official report says.

CUT OFF COLONIES.

London, Feb. 3.—The Wireless World has received from Berlin a copy of a communiqué recently published by the German colonial office, describing the serious loss suffered by Germany through the destruction of her chain of wireless stations. The communiqué says: "Soon after the outbreak of war all communication with the colonies by sea was broken, and all German transmarine cables were cut by the English, so that even telegraphic communication with the whole of our colonies was rendered impossible. The only remaining means of communication was wireless telegraphy, but the first warlike measures of the English were directed to depriving us of this means also."

MANY CITIES ANXIOUS FOR TOPEKA FRANCHISE

Many Deals and Dickers in West for the Local Baseball Club.

E. C. Quigley of St. Marys Is the Latest Prospective Purchaser.

HUTCHINSON WANTS IT

Kansas Town Fans Say They Have Money to Buy Franchise.

Deal With John Savage Still Pending—Joplin, Too?

Chicago, Feb. 3.—The transfer of the Topeka franchise probably will be a subject considered at the meeting of the Western league magnates here next Sunday though the meeting at first was called only to make preliminary schedule plans. President O'Neill said today that four individuals and syndicates were seeking the Topeka rights, one of which would move the team to Joplin, Mo., another to Kansas City, Kan., and the others, one from Kansas City, Mo., and one from Webster, S. D., would keep it at Topeka.

The latest developments in the local baseball situation are: E. C. Quigley, National League umpire, may purchase the club; a local company



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headed by Arthur Spencer Abbott may be formed; Joplin, Mo., may buy the club through John Savage of Kansas City; and Hutchinson fans may take over the club. These are all the deals pending, so far as is learned, except the one with Savage to keep the team here.

E. G. Quigley, who is a National League umpire with the Chicago club, passed through Topeka Tuesday and let drop a few remarks that indicated he might be interested in buying the club. Immediately, members of the old organization got in touch with Mr. Quigley and a meeting will be held at the office of Arch M. Catlin this afternoon at 5 o'clock to take up the matter with him.

"Quig" could make good. "Quig," as he is familiarly known to (Continued on Page Two.)

LOOK INTO WASTE

Senate Adopts Capper Plan to Cut State Expense.

Special Commission to Investigate Conditions.

What looked like the real spirit of administrative reform ruled the senate this morning when it put back on the calendar the Davis concurrent resolution No. 5, providing for the creation of a commission to correct administrative wastes and later when Democrats and Republicans joined hands in supporting a proposal to draft legislation for the reappointment of judicial districts.

Governor Capper's program of administrative economies could ask for no heartier backing than it got from every corner of the senate today. Having died twice in committee, the Davis resolution providing for the naming of one member of a special commission by the senate, one by the house and report on plans whereby state money may be saved and wastes eliminated was resurrected by a vote of 27 to 5. To make the commission more effective a restriction is laid that no persons who have been active in Kansas politics in the past five years shall be eligible to its membership.

SUN MELTS SNOW.

Rise in Temperature May Brush Away Cold Weather.

The sun started in on the job this morning and a considerable portion of the snow was melted off the ground today. The minimum temperature of 20 degrees, which occurred at three o'clock this morning, was three degrees above the normal minimum. The mercury rose rapidly this morning, despite the fact that Mr. Ground Hog saw his shadow Tuesday. The temperature at nine o'clock was 29. The forecast calls for partly cloudy weather tonight and Thursday with a rise in temperature tonight and colder in the west portion of the state Thursday.

The temperature at two o'clock this afternoon was 40. The wind was 15 miles an hour from the southeast. There will be but a fraction of an inch of snow left on the ground by night. The hourly readings:

7 o'clock	25	11 o'clock	34
8 o'clock	26	12 o'clock	36
9 o'clock	29	1 o'clock	38
10 o'clock	31	2 o'clock	40

TELLS OF REVELS IN HIGH SCHOOL

Topeka Boys and Girls Dance Behind Locked Doors.

"No Admittance" Sign Hung Out for Policewoman.

FLUSHED YOUTH SLAPS GIRL

Wild Rumors Afloat—Police Investigation Proves Little.

School Authorities Powerless to Control "Private" Dances.

"Drunken and disorderly" conduct" are terms used by Miss Eva Corning, policewoman, in reference to dances



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given by high school "frats." That private dances given by high school boys and girls are chaperoned by young persons selected by the boys and girls; that boys have become intoxicated, and that girls have been guilty of gross misconduct; and that these revels have been behind locked doors, are things which the policewoman sets forth in her monthly report for January just made to R. L. Coffran, mayor.

A part of the report reads: "Complaints have come to us concerning high school 'frats' operating in violation of law, and of drunken and disorderly conduct. As you requested, Mayor, I have made an investigation as best I could. The 'private' dances are said to be given at public halls.

"I went to the Kellam hall one night and saw a big card hanging on the inside of the glass door which read, 'Private Property—Positively No Admittance.' I tried the outer door and sure enough it was locked. The law says an officer can not go into a private place without a warrant."

CAN IT BE TRUE!

Legislative Committee Favors State House White Way.

Pinch Yourself—It May Be Only a Dream After All.

The ways and means committee of the house will recommend a white way appropriation for lighting the state house grounds. Members of the committee have virtually agreed to recommend an appropriation of \$10,000 for installing white way posts, provided the city makes good its promise to supply light.

While the white way bill may not be reported for several days, the house committee has virtually agreed to meet the request for better lighting of the state house and grounds. The city commissioners will be asked to enact an ordinance providing for supplying electric juice for the white way on the state house grounds and to enter into a contract with the state executive council for fulfillment of provisions of the contract. When these details are completed, the committee will recommend the appropriation.

Last week the white way question was submitted to the legislature in a bill introduced in the house by Representative Bird and in the senate by Senator Troutman. The bill was referred to the ways and means committee and was taken up by the house committee at a meeting Tuesday night. While no formal action was taken, it is understood that there will be no committee opposition to the bill.

Reduce the Price of Twine. Leavenworth, Kan., Feb. 3.—At a meeting of the state board of corrections today it was decided to sell twine manufactured at the prison here at \$6.75 a hundred pounds in carload lots. This makes the price one dollar cheaper than last year.

NOW POLAND IS CRYING FOR FOOD FROM AMERICA

Country Is a Picture of Desolation, Destruction and Grief.

Her Women and Children Are Dying for Want of Bread.

WHILE WAR RAGES ON

Men Fight and Their Families Stay Home Only to Suffer.

Women of United States Are Asked to Send Relief.

(By Carl Von Wiegand.) Berlin, via Wire, Feb. 3.—Poland is crying for food. Her women and little children are dying of hunger. Her soil is drenched with blood. The last of her youth is being sacrificed to slaughter, while countless thousands of her people, driven from their homes are facing death by starvation. This is Poland's plight as the leading women of the war swept country pic-

FRENCH ZOUAVES IN BATTLE WITH A GERMAN AEROPLANE



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tured it today. Through the chief of the Polish national commission, they asked to make public an appeal to the women of America. They asked that their sisters across the Atlantic do all in their power to aid starving Poland by sending any gifts for the relief of those made destitute by the war to the "Chief of the Polish National Committee, Neuharzgasse Nine, Vienna, Austria-Hungary." From Vienna, America's contributions will be sent direct to the starving refugees.

The appeal follows: "The world-war now raging in Europe is being enacted largely upon Poland."

KAISER'S GRANDSON IN UNIFORM AND READY TO FIGHT



Prince Alexander Ferdinand of Prussia.

The Kaiser likes to see his little grandsons step from long dresses into military regalia. This is what happened to little Prince Alexander Ferdinand of Prussia, Prince August Wilhelm's son, who is now two and one-half years old.

He is seen in the picture wearing the uniform of a German officer. He is also wearing a medal presented by the Kaiser. The medal is highly prized by German soldiers who risk their lives in most reckless manner to win it.

FARMERS' UNION IS IN SESSION

Several Hundred Delegates Are Here for Annual Meeting.

Three Days of Business for Farmers' Organization.

PROMINENT SPEAKERS TONIGHT

Governor Capper, C. F. Foley, Senator Bowman, Cora Lewis.

Highland Park Entertainment Was Held Last Night.

There is a heavy attendance at the annual meeting of the Kansas branch of the Farmers' union which opened



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at the auditorium this morning and will continue until Friday night.

The session tonight at 8 o'clock will be open to the general public. Among the speakers will be, Arthur Capper, governor of Kansas; C. F. Foley, chairman of the public utilities commission; Senator Noah Bowman, Garnett, and Mrs. Cora G. Lewis, member of the state board of administration.

The meeting was devoted to the transaction of business. Committees were appointed. The annual address by the president, Maurice McAuliffe, was scheduled for this afternoon.

Officers of the association are: M. McAuliffe, president; Salina; H. D. Collins, vice president; Erie; E. B. Roadhouse, secretary; Osborne; Willis D. Belier, treasurer; Russell; J. A. Scheel, conductor; Emporia; O. R. Olson, doorkeeper; Salina; Harry Gray, chaplain; Luray; C. S. Walker, business agent; Salina.

Directors: O. M. Lippert, Bison; G. A. Monroe, Americus; J. C. McKee, Columbus; Dan Thurston, Delphos; W. G. Reeder, Stockton.

Members of the lecture bureau: William G. Swanson, Vinita; M. McAuliffe, (Continued on Page Two.)

SET RIVER AFIRE

The Germans Send Blazing Rafts Down the Ane.

French Stop Them Before They Can Explode.

Paris, Feb. 3.—The French war office today gave out a report on the progress of the military operations reading as follows:

"In the country north of the Lys there is a nothing to report. "Between the Lys and the Oise, in the section of Novette, to the west of Lens, French batteries put an end to a spirited fusillade from the enemy. The Germans endeavored to float down the river Ane some blazing rafts, starting them from a point above Avelly, which is north of Albert. We were successful in stopping these rafts before they exploded.

"Our artillery has continued to secure excellent results in the valley of the Aisne. We have made slight progress and have taken prisoners and have repulsed a counter attack to the west of Hill Numbe 200 near Perthes.

"In the Argonne, a second German attack took place yesterday near Bagatelle at about 6 o'clock in the evening. This attack was repulsed, as had been the attack previously reported, and which took place at one o'clock in the afternoon.

"The front from the Meuse to the Vosges has been quiet. In Alsace we are organizing our forces on the ground won by us to the south of Ammerzwilfer."

Weather Forecast for Kansas. Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; warmer tonight; colder in east portion Thursday.

EIGHT EXPERTS FIGHTING FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

Taylor Riddle, Live Stock Commissioner, Reports to Capper.

Quarantine May Be Extended to Two More Counties.

KILLING THEIR ANIMALS

Investigation Into a Number of Counties in District.

Application for Permission to Reopen Wichita Yards.

Assisted by eight experts, Taylor Riddle, state live stock sanitary commissioner, is today fighting the hoof and mouth disease in southern Kansas. A number of animals in Cowley county have been killed and investigations are being made in a number of counties in the infected district.

At present four counties—Cowley, Butler, Sedgewick and Sumner—are under quarantine, while reports in Topeka are to the effect that the quarantine may be extended to Greenwood and Chautauque counties. Applications have been made for permission to reopen the Wichita stock yards and to resume business in the packing houses of that town. As yet no authority has been granted.

A government representative will visit the counties under quarantine and will assist the state live stock commissioner in appraising stock. Burial of diseased cattle was undertaken Tuesday night, but was postponed until today when a government inspector was sent into the district.

Riddle's Report.

In a telegram to Governor Capper, Commissioner Riddle discusses the situation as follows: "We have our force fully organized and are making examinations of all premises where animals are located that could have possibly been exposed to the foot and mouth disease. We have the grave dug for the animals condemned and we hope before this time tomorrow that they will be under ground. I have a force of eight experts making further examinations, tracing rumors and covering every possible point where infection might be spread. No further outbreaks have been reported at six p. m. government representative has not yet arrived. Otherwise condemned animals would be already slaughtered. Can not slaughter animals until arrival of government representative because he is one of the appraisers to fix the value of animals slaughtered."

A committee from Cowley county is in Topeka looking after needed legislation against the foot and mouth disease. The dreaded cattle scourge has broken out in that county and the situation is getting serious. A bill is in preparation for the state to aid the federal government in fighting the disease, thus taking it away from the counties.

At present the various counties are footing half of the bills in the fight and it is considered too big a proposition for them to handle, especially in the districts where the disease has broken out.

The committee which is here today is composed of O. S. Gibson of Arkansas City, Mr. Ote and Dan Pierce of Winfield.

ABOLISH OFFICES

Live Stock and Free Employment Offices Under Knife.

Representative Bird Introduces the Bill This Afternoon.

Abolition of the offices of the state free employment agent and live stock sanitary commissioner, is proposed in bills introduced in the house this afternoon by W. A. S. Bird of Shawnee county. The Bird bills would provide for the handling of the work of the employment agent under a state immigration bureau and the state board of agriculture. The live stock sanitary commissioner's office would be put under control of the board of administration and placed under supervision of the State Agricultural college at Manhattan.

Bird's bill abolishing the office of free employment agents provides for the creation of a state bureau of immigration.

The office of state live stock sanitary commissioner would be abolished entirely.

Z. G. Hopkins, Republican, is state free employment agent, while Taylor Riddle, Democrat, is live stock sanitary commissioner. Both were appointed by Governor Hodges.

Another Bird bill this afternoon provides for the opening of school buildings and grounds for playground purposes during the school vacation period.

CARRANZA IS ROUTED

His Army Again Is Defeated by the Villa Forces.

El Paso, Feb. 3.—Following their defeat at San Luis Potosi, the Carranza troops again were routed yesterday south of that place, according to official Villa advices received here today. It was stated the Villa column under General Banderia utterly routed the retreating Carranza forces of General Benavides, capturing all their artillery and supply trains and many prisoners.

THE FIGHT IS ON.

Fourteen Railway Presidents Ask for Increase in Rates.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 3.—Fourteen railroad presidents today presented to Governor Dunne and members of the commission arguments why the passenger rates in Illinois should be raised from two to two and a half cents. The hearing was the opening of the campaign of the transportation companies to obtain legislation permitting the increase of passenger rates in middle western states.

SHOW NO DESIRE TO VOTE "AYE"

Senate Democrats Care Little for Capper Program.

While Over in the House Minority Is Most Willing.

MEANS TIEUP IN LEGISLATION

That Is, Legislation Between Upper, Lower Houses.

House Democrats Take No Heed of Trouble in Senate.

If administration legislation is tied up during this session of the legislature, the responsibility will fall on the Democrats of the senate—not the house minority. With 23 days of the session in the discard, the house Democrats have held no caucuses and have displayed every desire to vote "aye" with the Capper forces.

Numerous stories concerning the fighting plans of the house Democrats have been published. Some of them read like real fiction. But up to date the 49 Democrats in the house have shown the same fighting spirit that characterizes a terrorized canary bird. Time after time A. A. Doerr of Pawnee county has led his forces to the front that they might sit with the opposition in exalted glory. In fact when business was dull and there was nothing that the administration especially wanted, Mr. Doerr in his capacity as member from Pawnee county and minority caucus chairman, sought out a (Continued on Page Six.)

HAS LONGER LEGS

The Kaiser Says Truth Will Win the Race.

He Compares the Powers to Jockeys on the Turf.

Munich, Feb. 3.—The Neueste Nachrichten has published an interview with Dr. Ludwig Ganghofer, the German author, in which is given a further account of the writer's visit to Emperor William at the imperial field headquarters. Dr. Ganghofer says: "I heard and saw an example of the emperor's quiet patience with slanderous statements that should be instructive for us. Every word of such a nature embitter him, but even in his greatest excitement he never loses the mastery of his tongue. I heard him say in such a case: 'That is strong, but it is silly also. It is fortunate that truth always is wiser in the long run and that it has longer legs.'"

"The knightly conduct of individual opponents in the field gladdens Emperor William," continued Dr. Ganghofer, "and I have never heard any man speak so justly of individualities. The emperor's desire for the accomplishment of the nation's enemies. Even against England I heard from the emperor no unmeasured word spoken in anger. Every verdict he pronounced, severe as it sometimes is, it always is within the bounds of supreme reserve. Nevertheless there is slight but a really noticeable vibration in his majestic voice when the subject is our Germanic cousins across the channel."

"In conversation with the representative of a neutral state, the emperor once said: 'You are a sportsman. When, in a horse race, the weaker animals are left behind and only the two strongest are left, have you ever seen the jockey of the horse which threatens to fall behind strike with his whip at the jockey of the more ambitious and stronger animal?'"

"The man questioned shook his head. The emperor continued: 'Why does England strike at us? Why does she not rather strive for her own weakening?'"

"Yet other words of the emperor must be remembered," the Neueste Nachrichten quotes Dr. Ganghofer as saying. "On one occasion he made this remark: 'Many persons who judge us Germans solely by outward aspects and term us barbarians, seem not to know that there is a great difference between civilization and "Kultur." England certainly is a highly civilized nation. One notices this always in the drawing rooms. There is a "kultur" means to possess deep science and high morale. My Germans have conscience and morale. "When they any in other lands speak of us as "barbarians," that is the funniest nonsense ever said about me. But in the morale, industry and conscience of the German people, it is to be found a conquering power that will open the world for them.'"

CHILDREN WASTE BREAD.

Frankfort-on-the-Main, Feb. 3.—The wasting of white bread by German school children is the subject of a letter in the newspapers of the Rhine province from a teacher, who points out that it is the duty of parents to bring this extravagance to an end and thus help the fatherland during its crisis.

The writer says the children often leave their homes after a scanty breakfast and take a large package of bread and butter with them to school. He declares the scholars often are unable to consume the whole of the food and thereupon throw it away in the streets. He suggests the official prohibition of the practice of bringing food to school and also of the sale of all bread except of "war bread" made of rye and potatoes to children for their immediate consumption. In this way he believes a great wastage will be prevented and at the same time the authorities will be helped to meet the marked shortage in wheat flour.